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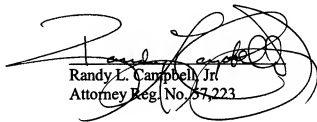
The inventions of the subject patent application (i.e., U.S. Serial No. 10/692,840), U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2004/0050345 to Bauer, and U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2003/0200742 to Smaling were each made by parties on behalf of at least one of ArvinMeritor, Inc. and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with ArvinMeritor, Inc. and MIT being parties to a joint research agreement. The joint research agreement was in effect before the date the

invention of the subject patent application was made. The claimed invention of subject patent application was made as a result of activities undertaken with the scope of the joint research agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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